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NEWSLETTER # 8

OUR 69th YEAR

October, 1982

MEETINGS: 2ND. Fridays each month. 222 S. Downey Ave. U.C. Missions Bldg. 7:30 PM.

MEETING October 8, 1982. 7:30 PM Missions Building.

PROGRAM Bring a useful device of interest. It can be home brew, purchased, borrowed or stolen. Ham related or not is ok and be ready to give a 3 to 5 minute talk about it.

DIRECTORS MEETING AT 7 PM. SHARP.

NEWS The Don Miller, W9NTP for Central Division ARRL Director campaign mailing to all 9700 members was completed Sept. 24th. after several weeks of preparation and days of hard work. Stuffing, sealing, and labeling of 9700 envelopes was done by Jerry Lucas, W9BS Florence Lucas, Morris Lortz, WA9SDL, Dorothy Lortz, Alvey Pittman, W9EL Don Schmoll K9UZW, (has new repeater on 145.42), Mary Schmoll, WD9DRW, Sue Miller W9YL and Milly Williams W9PBT. Don Miller has been campaigning in person throughout the Central Division. Now we wait for the late November vote count. Be sure to vote. A proposal for contribution of \$500 to the Miller campaign fund to help with printing and mailing costs was approved by the directors on Sept 10th. The total costs were about \$1800. This proposal is scheduled for vote by all members on October 8th.

PROTEST One of our senior and respected members was quite concerned about the high level of private conversation during the program on Sept. 10. This is awkward for a speaker and an embarrassment to the person who set up the program. A strongly worded letter was written, the main point being "if you don't want to listen, go somewhere else so the rest of us can hear" The letter will be passed around at the Oct 10 meeting.

CABLE TV SIGNALS On Sept 15th. a signal was observed on 145.25 for many hours, not strong, about 1 on a Kenwood o-10 Tr 7400 meter. The WA8VZY repeater in Fairland came on and wiped it out. A phone call to American Cablevision, at 632-5161, 3030 Roosevelt Ave. put me in contact with Mike Jones, Special projects engineer who confirmed that 145.25 was in use by American Cablevision and the signal leaks on a short term basis were unavoidable as customers connections and system expansion are being performed. I pointed out that this is an authorized amateur frequency which is quite active in this area. Mr Jones is not a ham himself but said that many of their technical people are and he is quite familiar with the problems that can occur.

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We agreed to keep in touch if any serious problems develop to them or us.

ONCE A MONTH

Meetings will end its trial period at the end of this year. We must consider if this is satisfactory going into 1983.

NOMINATIONS

for the annual "Awards of Appreciation" are open. This award will be presented at the annual dinner in December, probably the 12th. Exact date and place will appear in the November Newsletter.

NEW

As you may have noticed we are now using a new Newsletter, letterhead. This is a creation of Alvey Pittman, W9EL, and we say good work Alvey.

U.S. AMATEUR POPULATION IS GROWING

and has been in recent years. In the early 50's before the Novice and Technician licenses were introduced, it was around 50,000 by 1963 it had soared to over 250,000, but then (due perhaps to imposition of license fees and / or incentive licensing) it became almost static for almost a decade. The mid 70's saw it start to climb, until now (FCC July 30 figures) there are 404,534 individual Amateurs licensed in this country.

THIS NEWSLETTER

BELONGS TO IRC members. Please send your items to me or W9AI on or before the end of each month to be included in the next issue.

73's Ron W9JVF.